

Van Meter News

September 2013

RAGBRAI— Summary

After receiving notice that RAGBRAI would be passing through Van Meter the City Council determined that the most appropriate manner of organizing our efforts would be to pull the community in one direction and utilize a single community philosophy. The purpose of that single community effort would then be to showcase our community and if financially successful support a single cause. The Central RAGBRAI Committee determined that the City's single cause would be the American Legion.

By all accounts, we successfully showcased Van Meter. We received countless verbal kudos from riders, volunteers, vendors, and Van Meter Citizens. Common themes of the feedback we received were that we were well organized and in particular the flags lining the entrance to Van Meter were favorite welcome. Financially, the day was also a huge success. The City recovered all of its costs and made a profit of \$3,000 which as intended, will be donated to the American Legion. On their own, the American Legion made a profit of \$8,500 after expenses. Taken altogether, the total a single community profit equals \$11,500. Not to mention the untold dollars that were pumped into our local economy by the sales made by our local businesses.

R16 Sanitary Sewer

Development requires a tripod of public infrastructure: water, sewer, and streets. Without any one of the three, development and progress does not occur.

This fall the City will be constructing a sanitary sewer line along Richland Road starting at Elm Street and extending up the hill (or south) to the Cemetery Road.

The project is being funded by contributions from the School District and Knapp Properties. It makes significant progress toward strengthening our infrastructure to open that corridor to further development.

Elected Officials:

Mayor-Allan Adams

Council-

- Becca Wiederholt, Mayor Pro Tem
- Richard Booge
- Adam Coyle
- Bob Lacy
- Kim Sacker

City Staff:

- Jake Anderson-
City Administrator
515-954-6094
- Liz Thompson-
Deputy Clerk
515-669-6396
- Dave Herman-
Public Works
515-240-9280
- Chad Gillespie-
Assist. Public Works
515-371-9933
- Bill Daggett-
Chief of Police
515-202-4154
- Jolena Welker-
Library Director
515-996-2435
- Gary Herrick-
Fire Chief
- Dallas County
Non-emergency -
515-993-4567
- Emergency—911



CITY ELECTION

City Councilmembers Rich Booge, Adam Coyle and Becca Wiederholt have terms that end on December 31, 2013. We need well qualified, candidates to help move our community forward in a positive direction. If you are interested in serving your community please reach out to us at City Hall. Nomination papers are due no later than 5:00PM on Thursday, September 19, 2013.

VOTE @

Van Meter United
Methodist Church
100 Hazel St
Van Meter



Elections—The school board election will be held September 10, 2013. City elections will be held on November 12, 2013. Do you know where to vote? Are you registered to vote? Get all the answers and more on the Iowa Secretary of State's website at www.sos.ia.us or call the Dallas County Auditor at 515-993-4751.

VAN METER EXPLORER POST

The Van Meter Police Department Explorer Post has been established. It is for males and females fourteen to eighteen years of age who have completed the 8th grade. The cadets assist with major events, ride with sworn officers and train in real law enforcement and fire scenarios with their safety in mind. If you are interested in being a part of the post contact Chief Daggett at 515-202-4154 or pickup an application at City Hall.



PLEASE
DRIVE
SLOWLY
WE ♥ OUR
CHILDREN

SCHOOL IS IN SESSION PLEASE SLOW DOWN AND
OBEY THE TRAFFIC LAWS.



Library News Check it Out!



Phone: 515-996-2435
Email: jwelker@vanmeteria.gov;
mboren@vanmeteria.gov

Van Meter Visitor Festival

Saturday, September 28th

We will have refreshments!

**And take a trip to the place of the last
sighting of the visitor!**



**Randy Meier will have Van
Meter Visitor art/
merchandise for sale!**

And at 7pm

Chad Lewis

Noah Voss

Kevin Lee Nelson

**The authors of the Van Meter
Visitor book will be here!**

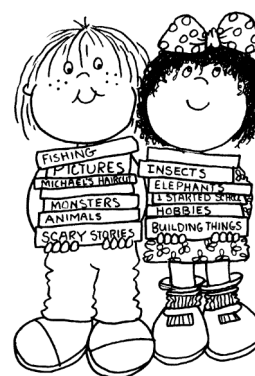
Library Hours

Monday & Friday 9am—5pm

Tuesday Evening 3pm—8pm

Wednesday & Thursday 9am—8pm

Saturday Morning 9am—Noon



**"Reading aloud with children
is known to be the single
most important activity for
building the knowledge and
skills they will eventually
require for learning to read."**

— Marilyn Jager Adams



Hi! My name is Michelle, I graduated from Van Meter High school in 2010, and I am the library assistant! I enjoy baking and drawing. Please don't be put off by how quiet I am when we first meet, I am quite welcoming and nice (and dare I say rambunctious and loud when you get to know me!)

CITY OF VAN METER

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Van Meter, IA 50261

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Fax: 515-996-2207
Email: info@vanmeteria.gov

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Veterans Reception Center— OPEN!

The lounge in the Veterans Reception Center is open Monday—Friday at 8:30am for coffee.

Free will donations.

The bar is open
Wednesday—Friday at 4pm for drinks!

Country Kids Club is now enrolling!
There are openings for infant through preschool.
Call CKC at 515-996-9141.

American Legion Breakfast Calendar

★ **The American Legion** ★

Breakfast 2013-2014
1st Sunday Every Month
7:30—12:30

Veteran's Reception Center—NEW LOCATION!

September 8, 2013

January 5, 2014

October 6, 2013

February 2, 2014

November 3, 2013

March 2, 2014

December 8, 2013

April 6, 2014

May 4, 2014

Nuisance Issues

In the nuisance section of the code are junk vehicles, noise control, animal protection and control, and dangerous and illegal animals.

In part, the dog ordinance prohibits an owner to allow a dog to run at large within the corporate limits of the City. It is unlawful for the owner of an animal to allow or permit such animal to pass upon the premises of another thereby causing damage to, or interference with, the premises. **Do NOT allow your pet to do their "business" in another's yard.**

It is unlawful for the owner or custodian of a dog to permit barking or any other noise excessively, continuously, or intermittently, for any unreasonable period of time so as to create an annoyance or disturbance of any person at any time of day or night.
No barking!

Copies of the code can be obtained at City Hall or on our website. If you have questions or concerns call 996-2644.

We are on the WEB! www.vanmeteria.gov